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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF MINISTER'S KIDNAP/MURDER

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1. ROUNDUP OF ALEXANDRIANS SUSPECTED OF MEMBERSHIP IN "TAKFIR WA HIGRA" (FUNDAMENTALIST ISLAMIC SOCIETY CHARGED BY GOE WITH KIDNAP/MURDER OF FORMER RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES MINISTER DHAHABI, REFTEL) WAS SWIFT, EASY AND ACCORDING TO SENIOR SECURITY SERVICE SOURCE, THOROUGH. SOURCE SAID MOVEMENT VERY SMALL LOCALLY (SOME MONTHS AGO HE TOLD US THERE NO MORE THAN 8 OR 10 ACTIVISTS IN ALEXANDRIA) AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY MONITORED FOR LONG TIME.

2. SOURCE CONFIRMED PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT 28 ALEXANDRIANS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, BUT DISMISSED THEM AS UNIMPORTANT, SLIGHTLY CRAZY ("MAGNUNIIN") RELIGIOUS FANATICS. VERY FEW, HE THOUGHT, WERE FROM ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY. MOST WERE OF LOWER WORKING CLASS AND OF LITTLE EDUCATION.

3. HOWEVER, ALEXANDRIANS IN GENERAL ARE APPALLED AT DHAHABI KIDNAP AND KILLING. MANY, DECRYING SUCH AN ABBERATION IN EGYPTIAN SOCIETY, EXPRESS CONCERN THAT THIS VIOLENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIO/POLITICAL VIEWS MAY BE CONTAGIOUS. SOME HAVE EVEN TRIED

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TO LINK IT, SYMPTOMATICALLY, TO JANUARY FOOD PRICE RIOTS.

4. ANOTHER SOURCE TWO DAYS EARLIER FLATLY STATED THAT DHAHABI'S KILLERS WERE OF SAME MOVEMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR 1974 ATTACK ON MILITARY TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT CAIRO (PARA 4 REFTEL). INDEED, SECURITY SERVICE SOURCE HAD IMPLIED SAME IN OUR CONVERSATION OF MANY MONTHS AGO CITED ABOVE.

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